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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JULY 73 AND SUMMARY TO DATE FOR
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1. SITUATION

A. INTERNAL NARCOTICS PROBLEM

(1) EL SALVADOR CONTINUES NOT TO BE A "PROBLEM COUNTRY" IN TERMS
OF PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, TRANSSHIPMENT, OR CONSUMPTION OF ILLICIT
HARD DRUGS.

(2) ONE INSTANCE OCCURRED IN APRIL, 1973 WHERE AN
INFORMANT TURNED OVER TO AUTHORITIES ONE GRAM OF HERION
TAKEN FROM A SUBJECT WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY PEDDLING THE DRUG
IN SAN SALVADOR. THE SUBJECT WAS OF PANAMAIAN NATIONALITY
AND LEFT EL SALVADOR WITHOUT HAVING BEEN ARRESTED.

(3) MARIHUANA SEIZURES AND ARREST FOR

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POSSESSION OF THIS DRUG HAVE INCREASED OVER THE

LAST 6-7 MONTHS, PROBABLY DUE TO INCREASING AWARENESS AND CAPABILITY ON THE PART OF PUBLIC SAFETY FORCES. THIRTY SEVEN PLANTS, ONE POUND OF REFINED MARIHUANA, AND TWENTY FOUR CIGARETTES WERE CONFISCATED IN JULY.

B. INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC

CONFIRMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM BNDD/MEX IN JUNE 1973 OF A SUSPECT INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKER OF ILLICIT DRUGS RESIDING IN SAN SALVADOR. THIS SUBJECT TRAVELS TO HONDURAS, BELIZE AND GUATEMALA FREQUENTLY, BUT THUS FAR HAS NOT BEEN APPREHENDED TRANSPORTING DRUGS. NO OTHER EVIDENCE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC EXISTS AT THIS TIME.

2. ACTIVITIES

A. ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

THERE WERE NO SEIZURES OR ARRESTS FOR POSSESSION OF HARD DRUGS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY. SEIZURES AND ARRESTS FOR POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA WERE NO SIGNIFICANT. HOWEVER, SEIZURES AND ARRESTS FOR MARIHUANA INCREASED

SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PAST 7 MONTHS OVER THE PREVIOUS 6-7 MONTHS.

B. NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION (NCDAP)

(1) THE COMMITTEE HELD A GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JUNE AND INSTALLED A NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SOME OF WHOM WERE RE-ELECTED. THE USAID/PSO WAS ASKED TO SERVE IN THE AREA OF "EDUCATION". SINCE THAT TIME THE COMMITTEE WAS HELD WEEKLY MEETINGS. TWO IMPORTANT PROPOSALS WERE FORMULATED IN JULY: A) THAT A SUB-COMMITTEE REQUEST AN AUDIENCE WITH PRES MOLINA TO PRESSURE FOR PREVIOUSLY PROMISED OPERATING FUNDS; AND B) THAT A SUB-COMMITTEE VISIT THE "FISCAL GENERAL" (ATTORNEY GENERAL) TO REQUEST THAT NARCOTICS LAW VIOLATORS BE PROSECUTED AS PRESCRIBED BY EXISTING STATUTES.

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(2) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAVE GIVEN TALKS ON THE EVILS OF DRUG ABUSE TO AN ESTIMATE 23,000 SCHOOL AGE YOUTH THROUGH JULY OF THIS YEAR.

3. EVALUATION

A. ALTHOUGH THE NCDAP IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN AN HAD MADE GREAT EFFORTS AGAINST THE ILLICIT DRUGS PROBLEM,

AND THE GOES HAS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST, NO FUNDS HAVE BEEN BUDGETED TO DATE FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF COMBATTING A SLIGHTLY INCREASING DRUG (READ MARIHUANA) PROBLEM IN THE COUNTRY.

B. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ARE VERY ACTIVE IN COMBATTING THE PROBLEM AND RECENT DONATIONS BY USAID/PSD OF LABORATORY AND FIELD ANALYSIS EQUIPMENT HAS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED THEIR CAPABILITY IN THIS AREA.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SPONSORING A MEMBER OF THE SALVADORAN COMMITTEE ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION TO A 2-3 WEEK ORIENTATION IN THE U.S. IN THE AREA OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.
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